

KENTUCKY PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAMS

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Persons charged with a non-violent misdemeanor or criminal violation that have no prior convictions are eligible for diversion. Upon recommendation by a District Court judge, persons charged with alcohol or public intoxication that have prior convictions related to the disease of drug addiction or alcoholism may be eligible for the diversion program.

Examples of some offenses that may be diverted:

- Shoplifting
- Disorderly Conduct
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Alcohol by Minor
- Alcohol Intoxication
- Public Intoxication
- Criminal Trespassing
- Criminal Mischief
- Littering

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION

- Persons charged with DUI
- Persons charged with a felony
- Persons charged with a violent crime
- Persons with a prior criminal conviction
- Prior completion of a diversion program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

The Diversion Officers refer clients to programs and services in order to better themselves and the community where they live. By utilizing community resources, the Pretrial Diversion program attempts to assist clients in reducing future criminal behavior.

TREATMENT

- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Theft education programs

COUNSELING

- Individual
- Family
- Anger management

LIFE SKILLS

- Parenting classes
- Financial counseling

EDUCATION

- GED programs
- Adult literacy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Clients volunteer at non-profit charitable organizations in order to contribute to the community.

MISDEMEANOR DIVERSION

Pretrial Diversion is a voluntary program for first time non-violent offenders charged with misdemeanors or criminal violations. Upon successful completion of the program a recommendation is made to the court for a dismissal of the charges. In order to participate in the Diversion program the defendant must be approved by the District Court Judge with consent of the County Attorney.

Besides avoiding a conviction on their record, clients receive something positive from the program either by helping others or working on changes in their lives through education, training, treatment or counseling. By reducing the number of cases within the court system the Diversion program saves costs to the court.

Client's responses to the question:

What did you like most about the program?

"It's helpful to those who are willing and wanting a chance"

"It allowed me to see my errors and regain self dignity"

"It helps give people second chances who made mistakes"

"I believe this helped me steer clear of regrettable behavior in the future"



Director of AOC Cicely Lambert

Misdemeanor Pretrial Diversion originated in Kentucky under the auspices of the Kentucky Court of Justice in 1979. The intention of the program was to reach nonviolent offenders on their first experience before the court before long term behavior problems developed. It provided citizens a second chance while recognizing their obligation to the victim, the community and themselves.



Joseph E. Lambert
Chief Justice of Kentucky

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